(b) if so, the nature of the complaints;

(c) whether facts have been ascertained by conducting an enquiry into the complaints; and

(d) if so, the issues on which registered complaints have been found correct and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that complaints/ suggestions for the improvement of content and quality of programmes transmitted on All India Radio/Doordarshan are received, from time to time.

The complaints generally relate to quality of programmes, their presentation and adverse impact on viewers, faulty pronunciation, non coverage of local events etc.

The complaints/suggestions are examined and remedial action, wherever required, is taken.

Approval of Foreign Capital Investment in Print Media

†1161. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to grant approval to foreign capital investment in print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no decision has been taken so far, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government continues to be guided in this regard by the Cabinet decision of 1995 which prohibits publication of foreign owned newspapers/periodicals in the country as well as publication of Indian

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

editions of foreign newspapers/periodicals dealing mainly with news and current affairs.

Financial Assistance for Regional Language Films

1162. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has been providing financial assistance to various individuals for the production of film in regional languages;

(b) if so, the list of such persons/State Government agencies which have been sanctioned funds during last three years for producing Films in Regional langauges; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Film Development Corporation has been providing financial assistance to various individuals for the production of films in the regional languages under the various schemes of the Corporation, *viz.* Loan Scheme, Own Production Scheme, National Film Development Corporation-Doordarshan Co-production Scheme and Other Co-production Scheme.

(b) and (c) The list of such persons who have been disbursed funds during the last three years along with the films completed in those years and the budget of the films is given in the Statement.